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1. There is a serious shortage of party workers ("functionaries") in the SED. Nearly 20,000 functionaries were dismissed for taking an unsatisfactory attitude toward the June riots. Among these were Mayor Kühne of Brandenburg and Mayor Elsmann of Halle, and the mayor of Leuna, who was arrested.
2. Steps were taken to expel from the SED some 12,000 members who had accepted the food packages distributed [] last summer. Furthermore, it is reported that all former Social Democrats, numbering about 600,000, will be dropped from the party. Throughout the organization proceedings are under way for the elimination of large numbers of members, amounting in some districts to one fifth of the membership. Thus [] the original idea of the SED is liquidated, and there is no further attempt to maintain it as a mass party; this fact may be recognized at the next party convention by a change in the name.
3. Workers in some factories are said to have moved for the expulsion of those members who are known to be agents of the SSD, on the pretext in most cases that they gave no help to the party on the 17th of June.
4. The Central Committee of the SED spent at least 26,000,000 marks (not specified whether east or west marks) for party work in the western zones. The SSD also spent 3,000,000 or more for work [] while the ADN restricted itself to a budget of 600,000 DMW. . The Russian authorities in Karlshorst are said to have paid something like 2,000,000 marks for its own contacts []
[] (All figures refer to the calendar year 1953.)
5. It is reported that the KPD devoted over 800,000 marks to the election campaign

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